To formalize affiliation, and to welcome them to the Regiment, newly commissioned or branch detailed officers are inducted into the Signal Regiment after they complete the Signal Officer Basic Course or Signal Basic Branch Qualification Course. The Regimental Induction process consists of a class regimental run; signing the class roster for inclusion in the Signal Regiment's lieutenants' register; and the pinning ceremony. At the induction ceremony's end, the lieutenants are authorized the Signal Regiment's distinctive insignia.

A run with Regimental colors is part of the Regimental Induction process.

Signal Corps Regimental Association

To further esprit de corps and promote the Signal Regiment, the Signal Corps Regimental Association was established at the Signal Center, with 32 chapters worldwide. SCRA is open to all members of the Regiment: active or reserve officers, warrant officers and enlisted soldiers; Army civilians; and others affiliated with the Signal Regiment.

SCRA offers its members close continued identification with the Regiment as well as camaraderie with fellow members. SCRA's objectives include recognizing accomplishments of people who have made significant contributions with Order of Mercury and Wahatchee awards or Brevet Colonel appointments.

Members in good standing may nominate fellow SCRA members for either the Bronze or Silver Order of Mercury. The Bronze or Silver Wahatchee awards are for faithful volunteer service to the Signal Regiment; nominees don't have to be members. Both types of awards are for outstanding, long-time service to the Regiment.

The Brevet Colonel Award is for civilians who have supported the Signal Regiment at either the local or national level.

All award nominations are forwarded to the board of directors' awards committee at the Signal Center.

SCRA also maintains an official roster of members, publishes a quarterly newsletter called *The Network*, hosts SCRA functions and supports Regimental and chapter activities.

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The Signal experience

1LT Michael Davenport
Reserve Officers' Training Corps
Augusta State University
Bachelor of science in computer science

Automation officer in charge
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63d Signal Battalion
Joint Task Force Aguila (Hurricane Mitch disaster relief), El Salvador

1LT Michael Davenport created a computer system from civilian equipment in El Salvador.

"We knew there would be a big data push for networking and technology. I think we really capitalized on that by providing the best support we could. Anybody can provide phones, but not everybody can provide data like we did. We raised the standards about 10 tiers. No longer can (Signal units) make excuses for not doing extremely bandwidth-intensive things, because we proved we can. As far as technology goes, I think we're right up with the civilian market. We took civilian equipment available today and implemented it into the Army systems."

CPT Paul Howard
Reserve Officers' Training Corps
North Georgia College
Bachelor of business administration

Signal officer
3d Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia
Operation Desert Thunder

CPT Paul Howard made radios and networks work in the hot, dusty desert.

"The Signal Regiment supports U.S. military aviation by distributing communications security, managing local area networks, and providing some training, maintenance support and secure Internet protocol routing network access support. My aviation brigade was colocated in Southwest Asia with the U.S., British, Australian, Kuwaiti, etc., air forces. Everyone's radios were different. Overcoming these obstacles took 75 percent of my time. Also, establishing and maintaining a LAN was very difficult in the hot and dusty environment. Working around problems was an implied daily task."